

Be Rich—Unleashing Compassion Unleashing Generosity

9-16-18

- The struggle we all have: We can easily put our _____ and _____ in our wealth, not God.

1 Timothy 6:17-19 - Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.

¹⁸ Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. ¹⁹ In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

- The struggle we all have: We can lose sight of Jesus' _____.

What God wants to do with my wealth is teach me to keep my hope and trust in him and be reminded weekly of Jesus' priorities.

1. God wants me to _____ what he has given me.

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2. God wants me to be _____ with what he has given me.

2 Corinthians 9:11 - You will be **made rich** in every way so that you can be **generous on every occasion**, and through us your generosity will **result in thanksgiving to God**.

1 Timothy 6:18-19 - Command them to do good, **to be rich in good deeds**, and to **be generous** and **willing to share**.¹⁹ In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

God has blessed me with more than I need. I am rich. I will not trust in riches, but in him who richly provides. Because I have more, I will give more.

1) Christ followers should _____ strategically.

2 Corinthians 9:7 - Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

Malachi 3:10 - "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it."

Matthew 23:23-24 - "Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You give a tenth of your spices – mint, dill and cumin. But you have neglected the more important matters of the law – justice, mercy and faithfulness.

You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former.

²⁴ You blind guides! You strain out a gnat but swallow a camel.

A. Tithing teaches me to keep God _____.

1 Corinthians 16:1-2 - Now about the collection for God's people: Do what I told the Galatian churches to do. ² On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made.

Wealth becomes a substitute for God.

B. Tithing increases my _____ in God.

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2 Corinthians 8:7 - But just as you excel in everything – in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us – see that you also excel in this grace of giving.

2) Christ followers _____ sacrificially.

1 Timothy 6:18 - Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share.

Mark 12:41-44 - Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. ⁴² But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a fraction of a penny. ⁴³ Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. ⁴⁴ They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything – all she had to live on."